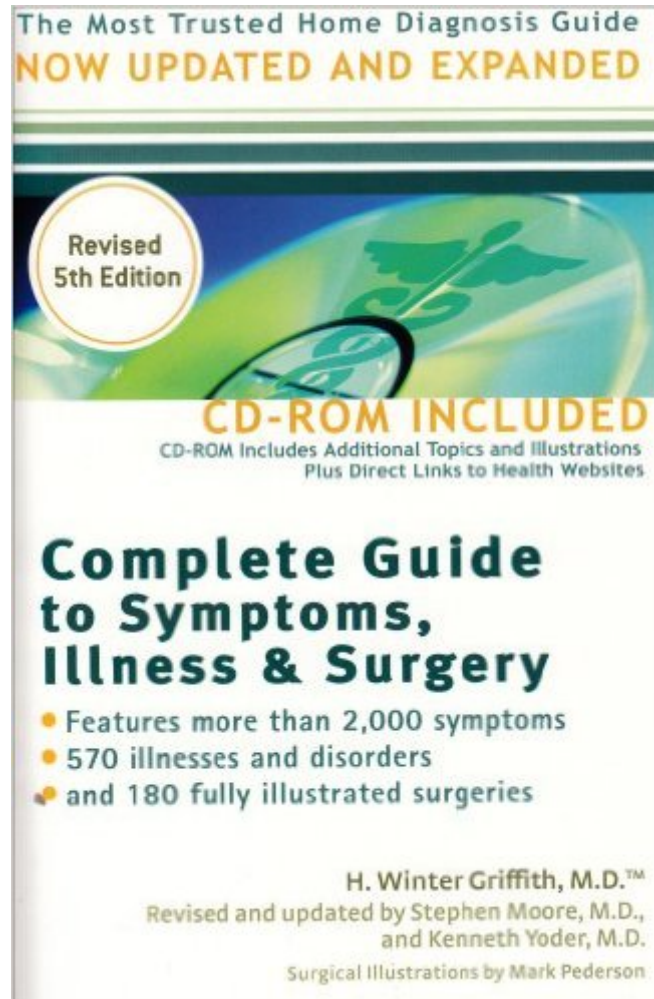


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# Complete Guide To Symptoms, Illness & Surgery, 5th Edition



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## Customer Reviews

This book is wonderful. I had the 4th edition and used it for years so I was already familiar with the format of it. The new one includes a DVD which is even better. This book is easy enough to understand so that even people with minimal medical knowledge can still find the information they need. I like the way it is formatted so that once you do find the illness, you can find the surgery with the approx. care, medications, etc. that you can expect to go with it plus they also cross reference any difference type of procedures that might be used. With patients having to be so much more informed these days, I take this book with me every time I go to the doctor. My former Dr. didn't like it but my new does and discusses anything thing I have questions about and shows me where to find it in the book. I also have the pill book put out by the same group.

The other reviews here explain the great details of this book. I'll share my experience. I got this one to replace my older version which lost its cover and a couple of pages--I used it well for over 20 YEARS! It served as my medical "bible" and saw my kids through birth to college. I can't say enough about what a wonderful help this book has been. It tells you the straight of things. It puts

worries to rest, or gives direction as to how to solve almost any medical issue. I called the advice nurse a couple of times with my book open ... they actually quoted word for word out of the same book! This is definitely worth the money. I kept the old ones "just in case", but have never referred back to them since I got this new one. CD is supposed to be an advanced online resource--personal medical issues haven't driven me to look up much, so I can't attest to it, but have no doubt it will meet most needs as needed. This book is a definite well-worth-the-money investment, even if it is in paperback (keeps the cost down, at least). Just treat yours like gold so it'll stay intact for many years to come! :o)

I think that this symptom book is the best that I have seen. It is very easy to use and gives information that is very valuable in determining if you should see a doctor and treatments that are usually used. I have several different books and my family and I always use this one first.

I once had a housekeeper who was sick for several months. Finally I made her sit down and tell me her symptoms. I consulted this book and couldn't tell from her symptoms what she had -- but I knew it was either gallstones, a bleeding ulcer, or pancreatitis. I made her leave my house and go to the doctor. A week later, she called me from the hospital. Her gallbladder had been removed, her bleeding ulcer had been repaired, and she was under treatment for pancreatitis. Every time I use this book, the results blow me away. I've had to stop telling doctors what rare disease I have because the ophthalmologist was so irate when I diagnosed my iritis before he did.

I purchased my first copy of this book back in the mid 80's. I'm now working on replacing my 2nd copy because it no longer has the cover and is VERY well used between myself and my children. It's saved many an unnecessary trip to the doctor and also ensured good communication for the times we did need to see the doctor.

This book is a must for anyone that is at all curious about health-related problems. I drag this book out at least once a week to look up information for myself as well as others that are asking me about symptoms or illnesses. I have bought copies as gifts for other people, as well.

With this book on hand I can check out symptoms and save a trip to the doctor. This is my 3rd one because I wore out the last two. It's a blessing to be able to see what I might have and then decide if a doctor visit is necessary. When in doubt go to the doctor!

I had a very old version (1990's) and this version is very complete, easy to follow and very informative

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